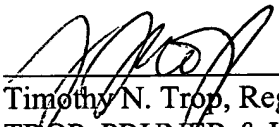


REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended to delete the word "an" before "nitride" and to substitute "a" in lieu thereof. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 8 continues to be patentable, as no substantive amendment has been made to the claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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